SHO martyred in gun battle with robbers

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: A gun battle between police and a gang of eight highwaymen left a station house officer (SHO) dead within the limits of the Lakhi Ghulam Shah police station of Shikarpur district on Thursday night.

According to an official statement, SHO Khamiso Khan Brohi and his team rushed to a spot along the Shikarpur-Sukkur section of the National Highway after receiving information about commuters being robbed there. It said that upon seeing the police team, the robbers opened fire, which was returned.

SHO Brohi suffered critical gunshots wounds and was rushed to a private hospital in Sukkur for emergency treatment, it said. However, the police officer succumbed to his injuries during treatment, it added.

Soon after the incident, a strong police force led by the Shikarpur SSP cordoned off the area and started a hunt for the robbers.

The Larkana DIG, Shikarpur deputy commissioner and SSP, as well as other senior police and Rangers officers and personnel, attended funeral of the martyred SHO at the Police Lines.

Two killed as truck hits motorcycle

Two motorcycle riders were killed and their companion was injured in a head-on collision between their two-wheeler and a truck in Kandhkot on Friday.

According to police, the accident took place near Unnar Bridge within the jurisdiction of the Ghouspur police station.

The deceased victims were identified as Owais Malik and Hub Ali.

The truck was impounded and its driver arrested, the police said.

LUMHS syndicate asked to submit names of pro-VC candidates in court

SHC to guide competent authority on fairness in row between retired and incumbent office-holders

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: A division bench of the Sindh High Court, Hyderabad circuit, has asked the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) syndicate for the names of candidates it has recommended for the post of pro-vice chancellor.

The bench comprising Justice Adnan ul Karim Memon and Justice Riazat Ali Sahar has told the syndicate to submit in court the names of senior most, eligible and fit candidates / professors "for reconsideration by competent authority".

"A final decision shall thereafter be made by competent authority after hearing candidates duly recommended by syndicate of respondent university with sealed envelope to be placed before competent authority for decision on merit within one month," the order said.

Petitioner Dr Seema Naz had moved court praying that the impugned summary submitted to the Sindh chief minister and subsequently approved for appointment of respondent pro-VC Dr Arshad Abro be declared void ab initio (never created).

On April 8, 2025, a division bench of the SHC, seized with her petition, had suspended the appointment notification. She was represented by Advocate Humayun Khan. She had also prayed the court to restrain respondent authorities from issuing any notification regarding her removal as the LUMHS pro-VC until the final adjudication of her petition.

Her counsel said Dr Abro's name was included in the June 13, 2024 summary for the post but was rejected by the CM on June 27, 2024 due to his being below the required seniority. He said Dr Abro's name was again placed before the CM in a summary showing him at No. 34 of the seniority list despite no material change; and the abrupt reversal raises serious concerns of arbitrariness. He said the pro-VC was appointed under Section 14-A for a fixed four-year tenure, and argued that statute did not provide for automatic termination of service upon superannuation while the university code's retirement rules apply to employees, not tenure-based statutory posts.

Barrister Jawad Qureshi, representing Dr Abro, termed appointment of petitioner Dr Seema Naz as the pro-VC illegal, saying that she belonged to the Faculty of Dentistry and, therefore, was ineligible for the post. Her appointment was politically influenced, the counsel alleged, and insisted that Dr Abro did not lack seniority or competence.

He maintained that reconsideration of Dr Abro's name was neither arbitrary nor based on unchanged circumstance.

Advocate Aslam Pervaiz Sipio, the counsel for the LUMHS registrar, argued that Dr Abro did not meet essential statutory criteria as his professional record raised serious concerns about his suitability for this high academic office. He said Dr Riaz Raja had earlier filed a complaint against him and the LUMHS syndicate had on Oct 5, 2024 barred him from holding statutory / non-statutory position for years.

The court said: "Petitioner [Dr Naz] has no legal right to continue as pro VC following retirement and her claim to protection under tenure-based appointment doesn't override statutory restrictions under Sindh Universities Laws (Amendment) Act 2013 thus March 26, 2025 summary and actions taken subsequently could not be set aside on grounds of arbitrariness".

It said although concerns have been raised regarding merit and priority disciplinary matters, such appointments generally fall in the administrative decision of competent authority subject to constraints of law. It said CM was empowered to appoint pro-VC for a fixed tenure but this discretion must be exercised in line with the LUMHS Ordinance and university code which stipulated that no employee may be retained in service beyond the age of superannuation without syndicate's approval.

"Principles of seniority cum fitness and established university practice cannot be disregarded at the same time," said the order.

It ruled: "Appointment of respondent teacher was prima facie unjustified and was subject to all just exceptions as provided under the law despite fact that he is at serial No. 34 of list as such principles of seniority cum fitness and established university practice cannot be disregarded. Discretion exercised capriciously or contrary to statutory norms cannot be sustained. Therefore, a hasty or unreasonable appointment of a non-senior candidate will be inconsistent with these principles as such recommendation of respondent without recommendation of competent authority of respondent university is set at naught," said the order.

The court noted: "CM's authority under section 14-A(1) is required to operate within statutory boundaries; it cannot override University code, disregard seniority without justification and appoint a candidate beyond age of superannuation is not justiciable. Consequently, continuation of petitioner beyond age of superannuation is inconsistent with statutory framework as discussed supra".

The court said: "Nevertheless, in the particular circumstances of this case, judiciary propriety warrants directing syndicate of university to submit names of most senior eligible and fit candidates / professors, listed in order of seniority, for reconsideration by competent authority for appointment as pro VC".

The bench had heard the parties on Dec 9, 2025 and reserved its order. The detailed nine-page order, authored by Justice Adnan ul Karim Memon, was released on Jan 20.

LMC under fire at public hearing

LARKANA: Residents of Larkana apprised Sindh Minister for Agriculture Sardar Mohammad Bakhsh Mahar of the unhygienic conditions in the city and other issues, at a public hearing on Friday.

The gathering was held in Begum Nusrat Bhutto Hall at Jinnah Bagh, where people complained about inefficiency of the Larkana Municipal Corporation.

They said manholes along many roads and streets remained without covers exposing men, women and children to a serious risk. Recently, a child had fallen into a manhole and died in the OPF Colony, they said.

They also lamented that many lanes were hit by sewage flood but the municipality was not addressing the issue.

MPA Jamil Soomro, who is also the political secretary to PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, accompanied Sardar Mahar at the hearing.

Youth at the gathering drew their attention to the dilapidated condition of the Peoples Stadium.

Several residents expressed their concern over sale of counterfeit agricultural pesticides, high flour prices, non-payment on Hari Card, power outages and menace of drugs.

The minister issued instructions to the officials concerned for addressing the issues.—Correspondent

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through Press & Website)

1. The KW&SC, invites e-bid through method of procurement "EPADS" website of SPPRA Sindh in accordance of Rules-17(1)&(1A) and Rule-46(1) of SPP Rules-2010 and amended upto date, from the interested/eligible Security Firms / Companies, for the work mentioned below:-

Sr.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Bid Security	Tender Fee	Time of Completion Duration
1.	HIRING OF SECURITY COMPANY FOR PROTECTING SECURITY, PROTENCTION AND SAFEGUARDING OF INTERESTS, OF KW&SC	65.88 Million	Rs.13,17,600/=	Rs.10,000/=	01 Year, Extendable. (subject to terms and conditions)

2. **Eligibility: -**
A company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, must be a valid member of the All Pakistan Security Agencies Association, a holder of valid registration with Sindh Revenue Board (SRB), Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) & on active Tax Payer list (ATL). No objection certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Interior, Government of Sindh.

3. **Qualification: -**
i) Bidder firm must submit the following:
I. Company incorporation certificate, Form A, and Form 29, from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.
II. Income Tax returns and Sales Tax Returns of last three years
III. Financial Statements of last three years audited by a Chartered Accountant firm.
IV. Bank account maintenance certificates of last 5 years.
V. Nationality document/CNIC of all Directors of the Company.
VI. No objection certificate from the Ministry of Interior (GOS).
VII. Membership certificate of All Pakistan Security Agencies Association.
VIII. List and details of valid arms licenses (non prohibited bore).
IX. Affidavit that firm has never been neither "black listed" nor involved in any activity against the law of the land duly notarized on current dated.
ii) All above Information shall be uploaded on "EPADS website in proper manner along-with company profile with complete Bidding Documents, to assess the eligibility of a contractor firm. If a firm fails to comply with any of the criteria above, shall be considered "FAILED" and eliminated from detail evaluation process irrespective to position in financial and bid opening.

4. **Terms & Conditions of NIT:-**
i) Any company found involved in engaging prohibited person, or found involved in prohibited activity/ies, by any means will be rejected at any time.
ii) The participant must quote the rates both in word and figures
iii) in case of more than one bidder quoted same lowest price in a bid, then the next one lowest bid quoted by only one bidder will be consider for evaluation.
iv) The Bid Security of each work as mentioned in the "NIT" should be made from the firm's account by the Bidder and the name of the company/firm must be embossed/mentioned on pay-order and shall be upload its image with Bid document
v) "Integrity Pact" duly signed with official seal on a stamp paper worth Rs. 100/= should be upload with the Tender/Bid.
vi) The complete Biding documents should be signed along-with company stamp.
vii) The bidder shall submit non-refundable Tender(s) cost of each work as mentioned in the "NIT" in the shape of Pay-Order from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of "Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation" before the time of the announcement.
viii) Joint Venture, and Consortium are not allowed.

5. **Method of Procurement: -**
i). Single Stage one envelope procedure, under Rule-46(1) advertised under Rule-17(1) & (1A) as Per SPP Rules-2010 (Amended upto-date).

6. **Bidding / Tender Document: -**
i) Bidding/Tender Documents: Bidding documents shall be downloaded from the website of "EPADS (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) of SPPRA Sindh.
ii) Bid Submission date: Bid shall be upload/submit on the website of "EPADS" SPPRA Sindh from the date of hoisting to **10-02-2026** at **02:00 PM.**
iii) Download / Announcement of bid and Venue: All downloaded bids shall be announced on **10-02-2026** at **02:30 PM** in the office of the Chief Security Officer (CSO), by Accounts Officer (Security)/Secretary of Procurement Committee KW&SC, Office Room-2, 1st Floor Chairman Secretariat 9th Mile Karsaz, in the presence of the Contractor(s) or their representative, if desired.

7. **Bid Security:-**
i) The bidder shall upload image of "Bid Security" prepared of the fixed amount in shape of Pay-order / Call Deposit Receipt made from any scheduled Bank of Pakistan in favour of "Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation" and original Bid security/pay-order shall be submitted in sealed envelope showing name of firm along-with name of work, in the office of the Chief Security Officer KW&SC, before announcement/opening of the Bid. The KW&SC shall verify the bid security.

8. **Under following conditions bid will be rejected.**
i) Conditional bids.
ii) Bid not accompanied by bid security of required amount and form of Bid not filled / unsigned.
iii) Bid uploaded/submitted after specified date and time.
iv) Black listed, bank defaulted, involved in any offense of moral turpitude, or any violation of law.
v) Submitted documents, if found forged at any stage.
vi) Pay-Order of the Bid Security/Tender Cost not summited Physically.

9. KW&SC, reserve the rights to reject all or any bid (s) before award of work, subject to the provision Rules of Sindh Public Procurement rules-2010, (Amended upto date).
i). Interested Bidders are requested to register their firms(s)/Company(s) on SPPRA website of "EPADS" (http://portalsindh.eprocurement.gov.pk) for submission of e-bid.
10. In case any query required regarding e-biding please contact "EPADS" helpline UAN # 051-111-137-237.

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Wildlife dept, Khairpur university hold wetland bird census

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: A joint survey for the annual Asian Water Bird Census was conducted this week at four key wetland sites — Langh Lake, Hammal Lake, Drigh Lake and Mehrano Wildlife Sanctuary located in Larkana, Qambar-Shahdadkot and Khairpur Mirs.

The census, a crucial initiative for monitoring avian populations and wetland health, was carried out in collaboration with the Sindh Wildlife Department, said Dr Sahib Khan Oad, a spokesman for Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur Mirs on Friday.

The expedition was led by a team of senior officials and experts, including Dara Muneer Qazi, deputy conservator of the Wildlife Department Sukkur, and Altaf Hussain Khuhro, director. Mehrban Ali Brohi, a zoologist from the Zoological Survey of Pakistan in Islamabad, also participated in the survey.

The initiative took on a significant educational dimension with the active involvement of faculty and students from Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur. Dr Zaibun Nisa Memon and research fellow Ibrar Lal Mahar, along with students specialising in the Wildlife and Management Conservation from the Department of Zoology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, participated in the field survey.

According to the organisers, the primary aim of involving the students was to enhance their practical, field-based knowledge in the accurate identification of diverse avian species. This hands-on experience bridges the gap between theoretical learning and real-world conservation practice, he said.

The educational adventure proved highly fruitful. During the census across the different wetland sites, the student team successfully identified and recorded more than 50 species of both migratory and resident birds who visit these wetlands and some species prefer to stay for they had been acclimatised with the atmosphere there. This exposure of students is expected to contribute significantly to building local capacity in wildlife conservation and ecological monitoring, he said.

The data collected from this annual census will contribute to regional and international databases, helping track water bird populations, understand migration patterns, and inform conservation strategies for Sindh's vital wetland ecosystems.

LCCI seeks measures to facilitate firefighting at markets

LARKANA: The business community has demanded an immediate approval for implementing arrangements for firefighting in Larkana's main markets, stating that the narrow streets prevent fire tenders from reaching the affected areas.

They put forward the demand on Friday at a meeting of the Executive Committee and former presidents of the Larkana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) held under the chairmanship of chamber president Khair Muhammad Shaikh, who is also special assistant to the Sindh chief minister. They met in the chamber's office.

At the outset, the business community offered prayers for the departed souls of those who lost their lives in the tragic fire incident at Gul Plaza, Karachi, and expressed deep sorrow and solidarity with the bereaved families.

The LCCI president advised the business community to ensure public awareness, emergency preparedness, disaster management and the installation of fire-extinguishing systems at their commercial premises, in coordination with the civil defence authorities.

The meeting called for the immediate deployment of fire brigade units at major central locations in the city to protect the public and traders from such tragic incidents.

They pointed out that existing fire tenders and equipment are outdated and not functioning properly. The traders requested the LCCI president to formally write to the CM, minister for local government, and the mayor of Larkana, emphasising the urgent need to provide modern fire brigade facilities for the city's main commercial centers.

The meeting also discussed other civic issues facing the city, including traffic congestion, encroachments, sanitation, and drainage problems, and these concerns were conveyed to the LCCI president.

On the occasion, the business community marked 75 years of Pakistan–China friendship and praised the strong and historic ties between the two countries. —Correspondent

OBITUARY

With deep sorrow we share the sad news that our beloved

SEEMA MALIK

(Principal & Administrator, PECHS Girls School)

passed away on 22 January 2026.

Janaza will depart her residence, 21-A, 10th Central Street, DHA Phase 2, at 3:30 PM on Saturday, January 24.

Namaz-e-Janaza and Burial will take place after Asr (4:30 PM) at Phase 8 graveyard (next to Emaar).

Soyem and Dua will be held on Sunday, 25 January, between Asr & Maghrib at 21-A, 10th Central Street, DHA Phase 2

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